

a supporting base mounted on the module substrate, the supporting base supporting the ferrule.

3. (ONCE AMENDED) The optical module as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

electronic parts mounted on the module substrate.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) The optical module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resin package comprises:

engagement protrusions that are to be engaged with an optical connector.

*cont* 5. (ONCE AMENDED) The optical module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resin package comprises:

engagement protrusions which are to be engaged with an optical connector, and the engagement protrusions extend along side surfaces of the resin package.

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*Aa* 6. (NEW) An optical module, comprising:

a ferrule having a slope end surface and supporting an optical fiber extended therethrough; and

a photodetector mounted on the slope end surface, and optically coupled directly with the optical fiber.

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

#### I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is amended herein.

New claim 6 is added.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 are currently pending and under consideration.